What Causes Youth Violence?

Well, violence between adolescents can occur anywhere, anytime. But what are some of the causes of youth violence? Reports by the U.S. Department of Justice show that since the early 1990's, there had been 68 percent more juvenile arrests than the decade earlier. Since then, homicide became the second most common cause of death between youngsters, second only to suicide.

Anyway, there are three main causes of youth violence. First, it is media influences. The APA (American Psychological Association) concluded that the youngsters who view excessive amounts of media violence acts more aggressive and violent than those who don’t. Media violence is responsible for 10 percent of violent and aggressive behaviors among youth.

Second is learned behavior. Witnessing physical abuse or violence and learning that their family members have been criminalized for any type of violent behavior are the cause of more than 40 percent of adolescents who has violent behavior.

Third and last cause are neighborhood influences. Two-
thirds to three-quarters of juvenile delinquency results from group activity. That includes being on gangs, drug-dealing, and everything you could think of that is dangerous and not sane for young people.

People nowadays should take extreme measures to protect themselves from crime and lead their children on the right path. You will never know if one of your children might make a terrible mistake of being one of them.